

Weekend Weather

Today: Partly cloudy – high 84, low 71

Saturday: Sunny – high 84, low 70

Sunday: Sunny – high 86, low 72



Sorties

Squadron	Month	Year
8th FW	6.3	86.6
35th FS	-7.8	69.6
80th FS	14.1	17



Force Protection Tip

Wolf Pack members are reminded to vary routes to and from work. Making yourself less predictable makes it harder for potential terrorists to form patterns in our schedules.



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Labor Day block party

Senior Master Sgt. Greg Roberts, 8th Maintenance Squadron fabrication flight chief, grills bratwursts in the parking lot across from the Loring Club Monday during the Labor Day block party celebration here. Roberts, working with six other 8th MXS Top 4 members selling the sausages at the event, said he would use the profits to help fund their squadron's Christmas party. The 8th MXS Top 4 was one of several organizations participating in this holiday's activities.



Photo by Master Sgt. Michael Casados

Water outages affect Kunsan

By Airman 1st Class Brian Hill
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Wolf Pack members are enduring spot water outages since Aug. 21 while water lines are repaired and valves are replaced.

All buildings on base will or have been impacted already, said Master Sgt. Donald Andreasen, 8th Civil Engineer Squadron production control chief.

“Water valves are used to isolate sections in the water lines in case of a break,” said Andreasen. “Isolating problems to a small area minimizes impact.

“Many of these [water valves] are corroded to the point that in many cases if the utilities shop tries to turn them, they just break and cause a break in the water lines,” he continued. “They corrode because the water has to be treated with large amounts of chlorine to be made potable.”

Another problem is valve boxes being completely filled with mud and debris.

“You cannot get a key on it to turn it,” said Andreasen. “Dirt and debris always seem to migrate to these areas and fill them up. If we do not replace the valves, we increase the footprint of the affected area.”

The project is about 50 percent complete now and is scheduled to be completed by Sept. 14. Stay tuned to the Commander's Access Channel, Channel 12, for building number updates.

The Legacy of Gen. Mike Ryan

By Brig. Gen. Ron Rand
Director of Public Affairs

Thursday is a big day for our Air Force. At 9 a.m., Gen. Michael Ryan, who has been our chief of staff for the past four years, will retire and Gen. John Jumper will become our 17th chief of staff. It's an exciting and important moment in our history — the end of one era and the beginning of another. After all the farewells and thanks, General Ryan will depart, and amid all the welcomes and congrats, General Jumper will take the stick. His priorities as our top uniformed officer will be readiness, retention and transformation, and together with Dr. Jim Roche, our secretary, General Jumper will work hard to make sure we remain the world's greatest aerospace force.

In one of his final media interviews, General Ryan was asked what he thought his legacy would be. In typical fashion, he downplayed talk of his own accomplishments, focusing on those of the Air Force team instead. That's the way he is — for him, the Air Force,

and Air Force people come first in every decision he makes and every action he takes. He leads us from that position, with clear vision for the future, abiding passion for our institution, and unbridled compassion for our people.

When he became chief of staff, General Ryan saw a need to return to our expeditionary roots, and embarked us on the transition to today's expeditionary aerospace force. He knew readiness and retention were our biggest near-term problems, and he set out to correct disturbing downward trends in both. Most importantly, he recognized that our strength is in our people — that the best equipment in the world is just machinery without bright, dedicated, enthusiastic, patriotic, well-cared-for Americans to operate and maintain it. And he dedicated himself to making us one force, one family — to taking care of our people.

It's our people he cares about the most — every single one of them. In every crisis, and in every decision,

SECAF says hail and farewell

WASHINGTON — The Air Force bade farewell on Sept. 6 to a friend, an exceptional leader, and a champion of Air Force standards and quality of life. We also hailed on this day a new chief of staff, selected by President Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate, to preside over the total Air Force team as our highest uniformed leader.

Gen. Michael Ryan dedicated more than 36 years of his life to our Air Force — he sacrificed much and succeeded at all he did along the way.

Our grateful nation and our superb Air Force are the beneficiaries of his exceptional leadership, his focus on improving quality of life for all airmen and their families, his innate sense of excellence, and his dedication to successfully transform us toward a fully expeditionary aerospace force.

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